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Chair Cline, Members of the State Board of Education, and Bureau of Credentialing:

No Left Turn in Education (NLTE) is a national education advocacy organization. I am the director of the New Hampshire Chapter. I am writing you today to present the Board and the Bureau with evidence of probable widespread violation of New Hampshire's Educator Codes of Conduct.

As you know, on June 25, New Hampshire enacted a Prohibition on Teaching Discrimination. This law prohibits teaching that any person or group of people is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, or that any person or group of people should be discriminated against on the basis of their race or sex.

New Hampshire's Department of Education, Department of Justice, and Commission for Human Rights have issued a joint memorandum summarizing this law in the following words: "In short, do not teach that a person or a group is inherently oppressive, superior, inferior, racist, or sexist. Teach and treat all equally and without discrimination."¹

As acknowledged in the joint memorandum, New Hampshire law also makes any violation of the Prohibition on Teaching Discrimination a breach of the Educators Code of Conduct. The statute

¹ <https://www.doj.nh.gov/civil-rights/documents/faq-educational-programs.pdf>

says that “[v]iolation of this section by an educator *shall be considered a violation* of the educator code of conduct that justifies disciplinary sanction by the state board of education.”

On August 11, in explicit response to the Prohibition on Teaching Discrimination—along with eleven analogous bills introduced in other states—the political organization Zinn Education Project, named for Marxist historian Howard Zinn,² called upon educators around the country to sign a pledge (the “Zinn Pledge”) promising to openly violate any such prohibitions that might become law. The organization claims to base this pledge upon the principle that “one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws.”³

The Zinn Pledge and its signatories are publicly available online. In confirming these names two categories of signatories have emerged. Of the sixty-two individuals who asserted they were New Hampshire educators, 35 were confirmed as such by the NH Department of Education. The NH DOE could not confirm or deny the legitimacy of the remaining 27 signatories as individuals employed in the New Hampshire school system. Both lists are attached.

The goal of these signatories to the Zinn pledge to teach racism and sexism is not an overstatement. In its own words, the Zinn Pledge says that it opposes banning education which “identifies people or groups of people... as inherently, immutably, or systemically sexist, racist, anti-LGBT, bigoted, biased [or] privileged.” All of the signatories of the Zinn Pledge, whether currently identified as N. H. educators or allied professions within the NH school system, can be assumed to have read the public document to which they signed their names.

While some educators signed the Zinn Pledge before New Hampshire’s law was passed, they did so, anticipating passage of New Hampshire’s law and promising to break it after enactment. The Zinn Pledge is evidence that all the educators who signed it, whether before or after the law was passed, are actively using their positions to instill racism, sexism, and other forms of invidious prejudice in their students.

It is also more than enough evidence for this Board to act, and for the Bureau to open investigations into all NH Zinn Pledge signatories. The Educator Code itself states that “the department [of education] *shall undertake* an investigation” of an educator if the department merely “has reason to suspect” that any educator knowingly failed to report a violation of the Codes.⁴

Organized educator defiance of this magnitude endangers both our children and those educators who oppose invidious discrimination. Accordingly, we urge the Board and Bureau to protect New Hampshire’s children by investigating each of the Zinn Pledge signatories for potential violations of their ethical obligations and the law.⁵

² For more information regarding Howard Zinn, see e.g., *Howard Zinn’s History Lessons*, by Michael Kazin (2004), *Howard Zinn*, by Discover the Networks; *Howard Zinn: Fake Historian* (2020); *Where Howard Zinn’s a People’s History Falls Short*, by Sam Wineburg (2012-2013); and *The Left’s Blindspot*, by Rick Shenkman (2010).

³ <https://www.zinnedproject.org/news/pledge-to-teach-truth>

⁴ Ed. 510.05(f).

⁵ In our view it is non sensical on its face to assume that lessons and/or curriculum grounded in cult like intellectually illiterate beliefs, such as all white citizens are racist since infancy, that only whites can be racist, the United States

The names and school districts of each New Hampshire Zinn Pledge signatory—all derived from the Zinn Pledge itself and other publicly available information—are provided below. We encourage the Bureau to verify these names directly by viewing the Zinn Pledge online at <https://www.zinnedproject.org/news/pledge-to-teach-truth>.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Breen Ph.D. Director, N.L.T.E. New Hampshire Chapter

Attached:

- [1] Full list of educators, confirmed by DOE and their SAUs.
- (2) Full list of individual Zinn signatories not confirmed by NH DOE as employees within the NH school system.

was purposed to promote slavery, is now purposed to suppress minorities, and that due to this “systemic racism,” and “white privilege” the morally inferior white race including school children need to be discriminated against, as non-discriminatory.

Zinn Signatories who are confirmed NH educators and their SAU's				
	Name	SAU#	SAU Address	Superintendent
1	Vivian Jablonski	5	Oyster River SAU Office	James Morse
2	Kate Zimar	5	36 Coe Dr. Durham, NH 03824-2200	jmorse@orcsd.org
3	Olivia Bregani	6	Claremont SAU Office 165 Broad St. Claremont, NH 03743-2624	Michael Tempesta mtempesta@sau6.org
4	Heather Ouellette-Cygan	8	Concord SAU Office 38 Liberty St. Concord, NH 03301-2934	Kathleen A. Murphy kmurphy@sau8.org
5	Misty Crompton	10	Derry Cooperative SAU Office	Mary Ann Connors - Krikorian
6	Meredith Walker	10	18 South Main St. Derry, NH 03038-2197	makrikorian@sau10.org
7	Heather Hyvari	16	Exeter SAU Office	David Ryan
8	Mary Vogt	16	30 Linden St.	dryan@sau16.org
9	Abby Hood	16	Exeter, NH 03833-2522	
10	Daniel Stowell	16		
11	Ross Phillips	21	Winnacunnet SAU Office	Meredith Nadeau
12	Lara Johnson	21	2 Alumni Dr.	mnadeau@sau21.org
13	Charlotte Scott	21	Hampton, NH 03842-2281	
14	Wendy Bergeron	21		
15	Amy Scholes	21		
16	Stacy Brown	21		

	Name	SAU	SAU Address	Superintendent
17	Barbara Kaufmann	29	Keene SAU Office	Robert Malay
18	Laura White	29	<u>SAU# 29</u>	rmalay@sau29.org
			193 Maple Avenue	
19	Joanne Lazarus	31	Newmarket SAU Office	Susan K. Givens
			186A Main St.	givensss@newmarket.k12.nh.us
			Newmarket, NH 03857-1838	
20	Mary Ann Wood	37	Manchester SAU Office	John Goldhardt
21	Megan Kilar	37	20 Hecker Street	jgoldhardt@mansd.org
22	Sean Russell	37	Manchester, NH 03102-9999	
23	Gregory Giorgio	37		
24	Samantha Leone	42	Nashua SAU Office	Garth J. McKinney
25	Paul Menard	42	141 Ledge St.	mckinneyg@nashua.edu
26	Jocelyn Merrill	42	Nashua, NH 03061-0687	
27	Stephane Cassidy	42		
28	Cindy Falabella	46	Merrimack Valley SAU Office	Mark T. MacLean
29	John Cassidy	46	105 Community Dr.	mmaclean@mvsdp pride.org
			Penacook, NH 03303-1625	
30	Elizabeth England	59	Winnisquam Regional SAU Office	Robert T. Seaward
			433 West Main St.	rseaward@wrsdsau59.org
			Tilton, NH 03276-5026	
31	Nick Belsky	60	Fall Mountain Regional SAU Office	Lorraine Landry
			122 NH Route 12A	Llandry@sau60.org
			P O Box 720	
			Langdon, NH 03602-0720	

	Name	SAU	SAU Address	Superintendent
32	Lauren Duquette	65	Kearsarge Regional SAU Office New London, NH 03257-4554	Winfried Feneberg
33	Jennifer Kenney	77	Monroe SAU Office 77 Woodsville Rd. PO Box 130 Monroe, NH 03771-0130	Leah D. Holz lholz@monroeschool77.com
34	John Dube	106	Timberlane Regional SAU Office 30 Greenough Road Plaistow, NH 03865	Interim Superintendent Christopher Kellan
				Christopher Kellan
35	Sarah Wirein-Rudy	1057	Mount Prospect Academy 354 Main Street Plymouth, NH 03264	Jay Marshall, M.Ed., Head of Schools Jeffrey Caron. M.Ed., President

Zinn Signatories claiming to be NH educators not confirmed as such by NH Department of Education		
	Name	SAU
1	Landis Brown	
2	Jay Reiter	
3	Tiffany Gagnon	
4	Clare Ringwall	
5	Siobhan Senier	
6	Christie Cho	
7	Lindsay Mears	
8	Mika Court	
9	Louise Pajak	
10	Patricia Patricia	
11	Lianne Prentice	
12	Whitney Howarth	
13	Jacob Bennett	
14	Yekaterina McKenney	
15	Cailey Mastrangelo	
16	Eric Meth	
17	Barbara Tobin	
18	Ryan Buchanan	
19	Candace Moulton	
20	Marianne Salcetti	
21	Shannon Kelly	
22	Yussra Ebrahim	
23	Jasmine Soleyn	
24	Kristi Lockhart	
25	Sherry Frost	

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	Name	SAU
26	Joanna Preucel	
27	Carissa Corrow	